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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, CI Staff  
Director of Security

SUBJECT: Congressional Inquiry on Penetration of CIA

1. At the Director's appearance before the Senate Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee on 12 March 1963, Senator Margaret Chase Smith asked the following question (at page 578):

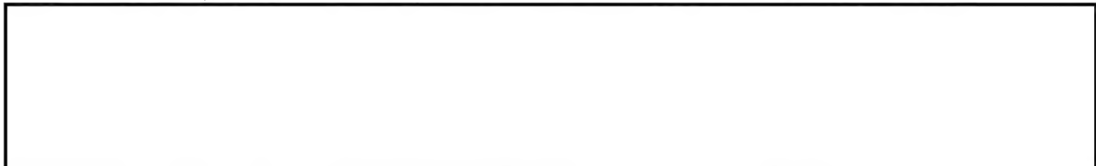
Mr. McCone, I think it would be well if any of these questions that you feel you would like to check for the record, when we make our final analysis, I think some of these questions that I am asking you are for that purpose and not for my personal curiosity.

Has the CIA operation ever been infiltrated and penetrated by Marxists, anti-Castro communists or even Castro agents; and, if so, to what extent?

Mr. McCone replied as follows:

I know of no infiltration during my period of Communists. I have had no reports.

Of course, it is a very large organization, and this is a question that you cannot answer categorically.



I found that they could not point out one single instance of an infiltration into the Central Intelligence Agency. However, that does not mean that we are free. I know that we are a target of KGB.

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2. This does not cover the AELADLE statements that he knew of a penetration of American intelligence in Germany in the early 1950s which, of course, the FBI knows about. I would like to suggest to the Director that we submit for the Subcommittee's classified record a statement along the following lines:


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3. Your comments would be appreciated.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DIRECTOR

Senator Smith asked two questions for which she wanted answers for the record. The first one concerning penetrations of the Agency you answered in the negative. The attached memorandum discusses the AELADLE claim of penetration. If you believe your original answer needs to be supplemented, CI Staff is agreeable to the suggested language although they would prefer not to bring the matter to the Subcommittee's attention. Proposed answer to her other question is also attached.

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